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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Dallas

M.S. Information Technology and Management

August 2023 – May 2025

GPA 3.71

GITAM University

Bachelor of Technology

July 2018 – July 2022

GPA 8.84

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Adroit Associates LLC (REI Client)

July 2025 – present

DevOps Engineer Intern

- Maintained and deployed **EAR** artifacts via **Jenkins** (shell-scripted stages) to **IBM WebSphere Application Server**.
- Supported infrastructure provisioning using **Terraform** (IaC) and implemented monitoring solutions for **AWS** cloud.
- Working closely with Dev, QA teams to ensure seamless deployment processes.

Techzert Software Private Limited

January 2022 – June 2023

DevOps Engineer

- Implemented Jenkins pipelines for **Java/Python** services building **Docker** images, scanned Code Quality using **SonarQube** and vulnerabilities using **Trivy** pushed to Amazon **ECR**, and deployed to Amazon **EKS** via Helm using GitOps **Argo CD**.
- Resolved **Kubernetes** incidents using resource right-sizing, safe rollbacks using **Argo CD**, and log analysis.
- Designed **Terraform modules** for infrastructure provisioning and automation, with the state file stored in **Amazon S3** and state locking enabled via **Amazon DynamoDB** preventing concurrent modifications.
- Developed and maintained **Ansible playbooks** for configuring tools like on target server.
- Integrated **Jenkins** and **Maven** to automate build processes, pushed **WAR/JAR** files to **Nexus**, containerized the application using **Docker**, and uploaded images to **Docker Registry**.
- Reduced **Docker** image sizes by up to **70%** in production by optimizing **Dockerfile** best practices, improving build speed and resource efficiency on **Linux** based systems.
- Built **Grafana** dashboards and **Prometheus alerting** to monitor stability tuned pod resources and autoscaling to improve service responsiveness.
- Implemented **AWS cost optimization** by developing an **AWS Lambda** function in **Python** to automatically identify and delete unattached or stale **EBS snapshots** automated the process using **CloudWatch Events**.
- Executed a **POC** with **CAST AI** on clusters to automate cost optimization achieving up to 45% reduction.
- Implemented **Blue-Green deployments** in **Kubernetes** to achieve **zero-downtime** production releases.

ACADEMIC PROJECT

End to End Deployment for a Multi-Language Microservice project ([LINK](#)) ([LINK](#))

May 2025

- Integrated **GitHub action** and **Jenkins** to automate CI for eight multi-language microservices, while building custom **Docker files** to containerize each service, pushing images to **Docker Hub**, and enabling real-time **Slack** pipeline notifications.
- Deployed workloads to **Kubernetes EKS** using **Helm** charts and **ArgoCD** for **GitOps** based delivery of **stateful**, **stateless**, and **queue-based** services, configured **NGINX Ingress** with **AWS Application load balancer** for secure external access.
- Built **Prometheus-Grafana** dashboards, configured the **EFK** stack, and improved tracing and debugging efficiency by integrating **Open Telemetry** with traces analyzed in **Jaeger**.

Claude AI Model Context Protocol Integration ([LINK](#))

- Developed and integrated custom **MCP servers** with **Claude AI**, enabling real-time interaction and retrieval of external data for AI-augmented workflows.

Terraform Ansible Monolithic Project ([LINK](#))

Jan 2025

- Automated **AWS** infrastructure provisioning with **Terraform**, implemented **Ansible playbooks** for configuration management deploying on **Tomcat**, and integrated with **Jenkins** for consistent deployments with centralized logging on **Splunk**.

CERTIFICATIONS

[HashiCorp Certified Terraform Associate](#), [AWS Certified Solution Architect](#), [AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Skills: AWS, Python, Bash, Linux, Git, GitHub, GitLab, Jenkins, Nexus, Docker, Kubernetes, Ansible, Terraform, Prometheus, Grafana

Other Tools: Slack, Splunk, Maven, SonarQube